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The idea for a radio station at Amherst College first saw the light in January of 1948, but actual broadcasting didn't start until the fall of the same year. The original location of WAMF was in the basement of Walker Hall where the studios still remain today. The first Board of Directors organized and directed the activities of the station during its initial year. Handicapped with having to introduce a new activity to the college campus, they spent most of their time promoting the station to the faculty and student body. The work of last year laid the groundwork for continued growth and expansion of WAMF in the year to come. With this improvement in mind the staff of 1949-'50 went to work remodeling the studios as well as building completely new transmitting equipment. Along with this physical expansion, the separate departments of the station were organized and coordinated into a smoother running organization. Programs are broadcast to 2000 members of the college community by means of carrier current. Now broadcasting 8 hours a day, the 60 man staff of WAMF has plans for extending their broadcasting time to 11 hours a day. Included in this expansion program are actual broadcasts of visiting speakers, glee clubs, college functions, and remote broadcasts of Amherst sporting events played out-of-town. During the late fall WAMF joined with WMUA of the University of Massachusetts in an actual Broadcasting network which has proved successful enough in its early stages to be expanded and become a permanent part of college radio cooperation.

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